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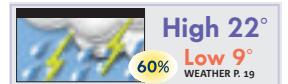
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# Svekla gets life sentence

No parole for 17 years for murder of prostitute

By JEFF CUMMINGS  
Metro Edmonton

Convicted killer Thomas Svekla won't be eligible for parole for 17 years while he serves out a life sentence in jail, Court of Queen's Bench Justice Sterling Sanderman ruled yesterday.

Svekla, convicted June 3 of second-degree murder in the death of Theresa Innes, a 36-year-old mother of two, remained emotionless as the sentence was read.

"In another era, maybe another century, Mr. Svekla would be known as a cad, he'd be known as a louse, he'd be known as a lowlife," said Sanderman yesterday.

Innes, a sex-trade worker who reportedly smoked crack cocaine with Svekla, was found dead inside a hockey bag in Fort Saskatchewan in May 2006.

Her naked body was rammed and contorted

into a cocoon to fit in the bag that was stuffed with compost worms, garbage bags and a shower curtain.

Along with second-degree murder in Innes' death, he was also convicted of committing an indignity to her dead body, a charge that resulted in a concurrent term of four years.

"We don't treat the dead with the utter contempt and utter disregard that you exhibited to Miss Innes," Sanderman told a stolid Svekla.

Innes' mother, Beverley, said her family was pleased with the decision, and that Svekla "won't hurt anybody again."

Before sentencing, Innes' oldest son, Mike, spoke loudly in court as he gave a victim impact statement.

"I don't have a mother, those dreams are taken away from me," he said while Svekla sat with an uncomfortable look on his face.

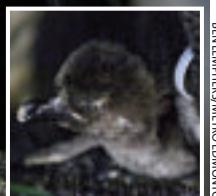
Svekla declined to speak when asked by Sanderman if he wished to make a statement.

"I wish to say nothing at this time," said Svekla very quietly.

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## eligibility

» Crown Prosecutor Ashley Finlayson was seeking 25 years for parole eligibility because of Svekla's actions toward Innes' body and his prior record.



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## Pipeline leak dumps oil into river

A pipeline rupture north of Sundre, 130 kilometres northwest of Calgary, spilled between 75 and 125 barrels of oil into the Red Deer River Sunday night, company and government officials said.

Alberta Energy Resources Conservation Board says the leak was detected at about 10:30 p.m. from the sweet crude oil pipeline licensed to Pembina Pipelines.

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## And baby makes 24

Carmen Bell spends time with an African Penguin named Big Guy at West Edmonton Mall yesterday. The population of the mall's seabird colony rose to 24 with the May 25 birth of a chick, shown in a submitted photo (inset). The African Penguin is a threatened species and the mall has participated in the African Penguin Species Survival Plan since 1986.

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Tonight Show host Jay Leno is coming to Edmonton for a stand-up comedy show at the River Cree Resort and Casino Aug. 21. Leno, in his 17th season with NBC's late-night talk show, appears regularly in Las Vegas and has been touted as one of the nicest people in show business. Tickets are \$79 to \$125 through Ticketmaster. METRO EDMONTON



# Citytv



## 'I take full blame'

High driver who killed father of 3 gets 2 years in jail

By JEFF CUMMINGS  
Metro Edmonton

A Sherwood Park driver who was high on prescription medicine at the time of a crash that killed a Gibbons father of three, stood in the defendant's stand yesterday with tears in his eyes and apologized to the man's family.

"I take full blame for the action," Ian MacIsaac, 29, told the family of Brian Moulder.

"Every day I suffer for what I have done."

MacIsaac will spend 29 months in prison, and is

### sentence

» Members of Moulder's family told reporters outside the courthouse the sentence was too lenient. » Sanderman said the sentence could have been longer if MacIsaac didn't plead guilty along with having a clean criminal record.

banned from driving for five years once he is released, Court of Queen's Bench Justice Sterling Sanderman ruled yesterday.

MacIsaac, 29, pleaded guilty to several charges, including impaired driving causing death, possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking and possession for the proceeds of

crime.

Moulder, 54, was driving through the intersection of 50 Street and Manning Drive in December 2005 when his Toyota Echo was struck by a Dodge pickup truck that blew past a red light, according to an agreed statement of facts.

After the crash, police discovered 237 grams of marijuana in a backpack inside the truck, along with \$160,000 in cash.

"He was my dad and you took him from me, that will never change," said Moulder's daughter Robin Moulder, in a written victim impact statement. "A wonderful man has been taken away."

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## Motorcyclist dies in crash with pickup truck

A motorcyclist is dead after colliding with a truck near Fort Saskatchewan early yesterday.

Police said the 26-year-old man, whose name has not

been released, allegedly didn't stop his 1982 Suzuki GS 850 at a stop sign at range road 222 and township road 542.

The 35-year-old driver of the pickup, a 2008 Dodge Ram

3500, was not hurt.

Police say neither alcohol or speed were involved in the accident, but the investigation is still underway.

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### Leadup Aboriginal dance



Cree dancer Adrian LaChance performs a traditional "sneak" dance at the Stanley Milner Library yesterday. The event is one of many leading up to National Aboriginal Day on June 21.

Computer snatched from hands of resident

By JEFF CUMMINGS  
Metro Edmonton

Police have few leads in trying to find two people who broke into the patio window of a home to steal a computer while the homeowner was still using it, said Edmonton Police spokeswoman Karen Carlson.

Two people snatched the computer from the homeowner's hands after the pair broke the window using a piece of lumber at 144 Avenue and 56 Street around midnight on Monday.

While the homeowner wasn't injured during the robbery, police believe the incident wasn't random.

"We don't have a description of the suspects at this time," said Carlson.

Police say their investigation continues.

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# Protesters serve dirty water

Oil investors pass on oilsands H2O

By ALICIA FOX  
for Metro Edmonton

Tainted water from a lake near Fort Chipewyan and from the Athabasca River, was offered to international investors and members of the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers by environmental protestors yesterday at the Calgary Hyatt Hotel.

"We're here to tell the investing community that if they're investing in the oilsands, they're investing in something that comes with an increasing price tag," said Mike Hudema from Greenpeace Canada.

Lionel Lepine from the Chipewyan aboriginal community said even the kids are wary about swimming in the lake and eating fowl or fish from the area which could be contaminated with arsenic and mercury due to oil sand production.

« *Our whole tradition and way of life is in jeopardy.* »

Chipewyan community member  
Lionel Lepine

"Our whole tradition and way of life is in jeopardy," Lepine said.

But Ross Levin, an investor from New York who came out to see what was going on, said while there are real environmental issues, he's not sure it would be economically wise to immedi-

ately halt oil sands production.

"If environmental activists ... want to change the system, they will have to bear the economic consequences," he said.

Pierre Alvarez, president of the association, said that there are regulations in place to minimize impact of the oilsands projects.

As for the water, he said he "would have no hesitation drinking (treated) water from any municipality anywhere in the province."

## Cops seek human torch clues

The case of the human torch in Glendon village still has RCMP stumped, and they are asking anyone who saw how a lit firecracker got into a man's coveralls to call them.

On May 4, just after midnight, an RCMP officer encountered a burning man near the Glendon hotel. After putting the fire out and sending him

to hospital, police determined someone put a lit firecracker into the back of the man's coveralls while he was leaving the bar.

Police are asking anyone who knows about the incident to call the Bonnyville detachment at 826-3358 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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**burns**  
» The man suffered 3rd degree burns all over his body and is still in hospital.

## Canada Day at Borden

Residents in Edmonton's Northeast won't have to trek all the way downtown to celebrate Canada Day this year because a Canada Day Party will be held in Borden Park.

As part of the Northeast revitalization project, Councillors Tony Caterina and Ed Gibbons, and MLA Peter Sandhu, have joined forces to bring a grand celebration to Borden Park, 112 Avenue and

### festivities

» Festivities will include free admission to Borden Park Swimming Pool, a free barbecue, a Canada Day birthday cake and at least five bands, including the Solitism band, Brian Toogood and thrash-metal band Eternal Arise.

73 Street, from 1 – 6 p.m.

Parking will be provided free of charge by Northlands.

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Vimy Ridge Academy student Angus Habirk, 16, bats from the wicket during a cricket match in Coronation Park yesterday.

## Cricket grows fast in Alberta

Athletes from Vimy Ridge Academy descended on Coronation Park yesterday to learn about the game of cricket.

"Cricket is the fastest growing sport in Alberta," says Christie Marathalingam, of Alberta Schools Cricket Association. "About 90 schools in Calgary and Edmonton now play a modified version of cricket."

While true games of cricket take five days to complete, games in Alberta are usually decided in an afternoon, although they still have their afternoon tea.

Alberta has a premier cricket league, which plays on weekends at Coronation Park.

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The Ontario government will announce today that it is providing \$1 million in seed money for a groundbreaking method of turning simple skin cells into stem cells. The goal is to make cells that can replace tissue damaged by disease or accidents.

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## Tamil group added to terror list

The Canadian government added the World Tamil Movement to its list of terrorist groups yesterday, describing it as a front organization that raised funds for the rebel Tamil Tigers fighting against the government in Sri Lanka.

The World Tamil Movement's assets will be frozen and Canada's banking regula-

tor said that Canadian financial institutions must review records and report to the federal police any transactions made by the group.

The directive covers Canadian banks, insurance companies and credit unions and is part of Ottawa's effort to fight money laundering and terrorist financing.

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### front organization

» The World Tamil Movement, based in Toronto, was created in 1986 and the Canadian government called it "the leading front organization" for the rebel group, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, known as the Tamil Tigers.

### » news In Brief

» **NUCLEAR** Power-hungry Ontario needs new sources of electricity near Toronto, and that won out over environmental fears and huge costs yesterday as the province announced that the Darlington nuclear plant will be expanded to accommodate Canada's first new reactors in two decades, which are expected to generate up to 3,200 megawatts of power — enough to power all homes and businesses in Toronto.

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## Couillard refuses to testify

Julie Couillard, the woman at the centre of the missing documents scandal that forced foreign affairs minister Maxime Bernier from his job, is refusing to voluntarily appear before a Commons' committee.

Both Couillard and Bernier could face charges under the Security of Information Act and it's unfair to compel her to speak while Bernier remains silent



about his role, lawyer Jean-C. Hébert said in a letter to the Commons' public safety committee.

Bernier was forced from his job last month after being forced to admit that he had forgotten classified department documents at Couillard's Montreal-area home.

Committee members are probing that security breach.

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## Angry mob greets Nova Scotia mom

Woman charged in daughter's death appears in court

By ROBYN YOUNG  
Metro Halifax



Penny Boudreau, right, is escorted out of the courthouse in Bridgewater, N.S., yesterday.

SANDY FIEL/REUTERS

Dozens of Bridgewater, N.S., residents crowded outside the town's courthouse yesterday to shout and swear at Penny Boudreau as she was escorted into a waiting cruiser.

"Murderer! Killer!" echoed through the riverside community's peaceful streets.

About 100 people packed the Bridgewater provincial court room where the 33-year-old made her first appearance on charges of first-degree murder in the death of her 12-year-old daughter Karissa Boudreau.

She wept uncontrollably throughout the brief appearance, covering her tear-stained face with her hands and crumpled tissues.

Sitting front and centre in the court room yesterday were the woman's ex-husband Shane Boudreau, his brother and Karissa's father Paul Boudreau and the Grade 6 student's grandparents Wayne and Suzanne Gearar.

Crown prosecutor Paul Scovil told reporters that Boudreau's lawyer, Pat Atherton, wasn't able to make it to the courthouse because of previously scheduled court matters on another case.

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A man caught breaking into a German supermarket late at night escaped despite being handcuffed to railings — only to be arrested after he ran to a nearby police station to get the cuffs removed. (REUTERS)

## 'Super-Earths' discovered

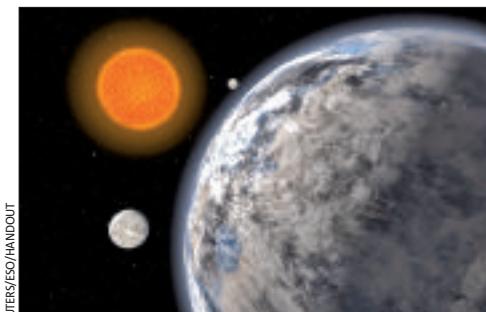
Researchers say Earth-like planets may be common

European researchers said yesterday they discovered a batch of three "super-Earths" orbiting a nearby star, and two other solar systems with small planets as well.

They said their findings, presented at a conference in France, suggest that Earth-like planets may be very common.

"Does every single star harbour planets and, if yes, how many?" asked Michel Mayor of Switzerland's Geneva Observatory. "We may not yet know the answer but we are making huge progress towards it," Mayor said in a statement.

The trio of planets orbit a star slightly less massive than our Sun, 42 light-years away towards the southern Doradus



An artist's impression of the trio of super-Earths discovered by a European team using the HARPS spectrograph on ESO's 3.6-m telescope at La Silla, Chile, after five years of monitoring.

and Pictor constellations. A light-year is the distance light can travel in one year at a speed of 300,000 km a second, or about 9.5 trillion km.

The planets are bigger than Earth — one is 4.2 times the mass, one is 6.7 times and the third is 9.4 times. They orbit their star at extremely rapid speeds — one whizzing

around in just four days, compared with Earth's 365 days, one taking 10 days and the slowest taking 20 days.

Mayor and colleagues used the High Accuracy Radial velocity Planet Searcher or HARPS, a telescope at La Silla observatory in Chile, to find the planets.

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## 35 militants dead in Afghanistan

Violence still on the rise due to Taliban comeback

Afghan and U.S.-led coalition forces, backed by air support, have killed 35 insurgents in the south of the country in two separate clashes, the U.S. military said yesterday.

Violence has surged in Afghanistan since 2006 when

### cross-border threat

» Afghan President Hamid Karzai's threat of a cross-border pursuit of militants is more of a tactic to build pressure on Pakistan than a signal of real intent, analysts said yesterday

the ousted Taliban made a comeback, with nearly 13,000 people killed during the period.

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In one of the engagements, 20 militants were killed on Sunday after they attacked a joint patrol of Afghan and coalition forces in Zabul province, the U.S. military said in a statement.

In the second incident, the militants attacked a joint patrol of foreign and Afghan forces on Saturday in Helmand province.

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## news In Brief

» **CRACKDOWN** Iraq's security forces tightened their grip on the southern city of Amara yesterday and appealed to Shi'ite militias to hand over heavy weapons before a government deadline for launching a crackdown.

» **MARRIAGE** California performed its first legally recognized same-sex weddings yesterday and opened its doors to gay and lesbian couples from around the country.

» **GORE** Former U.S. vice-president Al Gore officially endorsed Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama's bid for the White House at a rally in Detroit last night.



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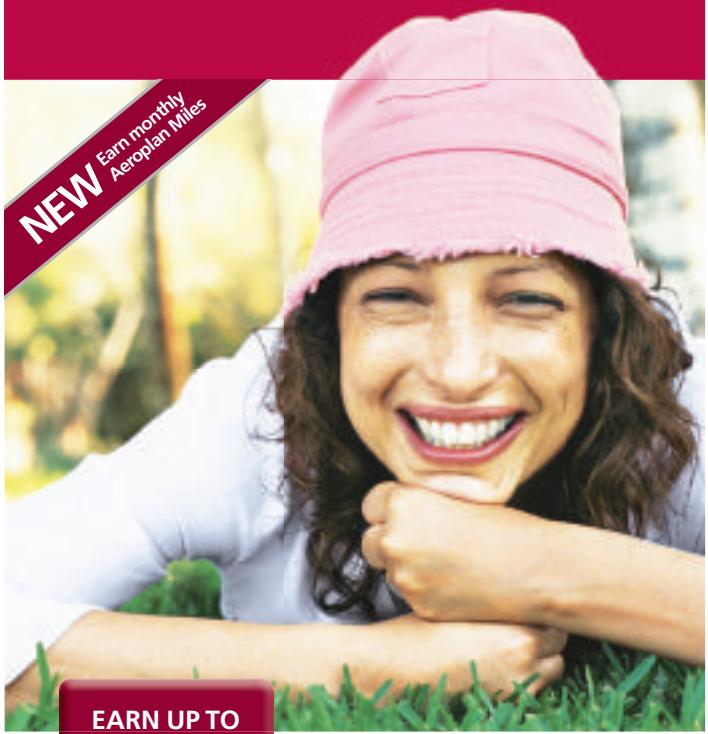


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## Wireless prices to drop: Rogers

Upcoming release of iPhone setting stage for changes

Wireless prices are set to fall at the country's biggest carrier just in time for the Canadian launch of the data-hungry iPhone.

Nadir Mohamed, the chief operating officer of Rogers Communications Inc., said yesterday that wireless rates will "evolve" as subscribers begin using their cellphones for more than just talking — a trend that's expected to gain traction once Apple Inc.'s iPhone is available to Canadians through Rogers on July 11.

While some had expressed concern that high wireless data rates might limit the

### Centro to be sold

Analysts have credited the iPhone for drawing consumer attention to the entire smartphone category, which also includes devices made by Waterloo's Research in Motion Ltd., Nokia Oyj and Palm Inc. Rogers said yesterday it also will sell Palm's Centro model.

iPhone's appeal in Canada, Mohamed said Rogers will unveil new pricing models in the coming weeks that are intended to "drive adoption" of such devices.

Mohamed said it's unfair to criticize Rogers' existing rates because they were designed when cellphones were used mainly for voice conversations and text messages.

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### »news In Brief

» **GAS** EnCana Corp. said it had made a leading position in gas shale ventures in B.C., Texas and Louisiana that could each yield up to 1 billion cubic feet of natural gas a day.

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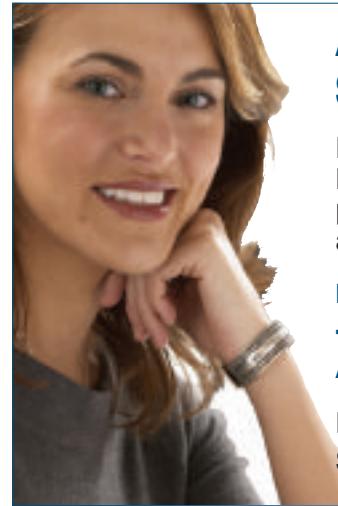
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# sports



New York Yankees pitcher Chien-ming Wang, left, will be out of action for at least six weeks after injuring his right foot while running the bases in a game on Sunday, the team said yesterday.

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## Limping Tiger triumphant

Woods battles through bad knee, playoff hole to win third U.S. Open

Tiger Woods held off a late comeback by fellow American Rocco Mediate and sporadic knee pain to win his 14th major title in a nailbiting playoff for the U.S. Open yesterday.

The world No. 1, three shots ahead after 10 holes, slipped to one behind playing the last before triumphing in sudden-death with a regulation par at the 19th hole on the South Course at Torrey Pines.

Woods, who birdied the par-five 18th to match Mediate's level-par round of 71, sealed his third U.S. Open victory with a two-putt par at the seventh where his birdie attempt from 25 feet fell inches short.

Mediate bogeyed the hole after driving into a fairway bunker and pulling his approach into the left rough 100 yards short of the green. After reaching the green in three, he failed to sink the par



Tiger Woods kisses the trophy after beating Rocco Mediate in the playoff round of the U.S. Open golf championship at Torrey Pines in San Diego yesterday.

putt from 20 feet.

"Today was just unreal," a beaming Woods said in a greenside television interview after joining his childhood idol Jack Nicklaus as the only player to win

each of the four majors at least three times.

"It was back and forth, back and forth and 90 holes wasn't enough. We had to go one more."

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### »sports In Brief



» **MLB** The struggling Seattle Mariners, last in all of baseball, fired executive vice president of baseball operations and general manager Bill Bavasi yesterday, and replaced him with Lee Pelekoudas on an interim basis.

» **NHL** The Nashville Predators signed defenceman Ryan Suter to a four-year, \$14-million US contract yesterday. Suter, 23, sealed his career highs in assists (24), points (31) and penalty minutes (71) last season.

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Netherlands vs. Romania, 12:45

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## Ballack's big blast lifts Germany into quarters

Croatia finishes first in Group B

#### EURO 2008

Germany dashed the dreams of their smaller neighbour

Austria yesterday, beating the hopeful co-hosts of Euro 2008 1-0 in their capital and dumping them out of the tournament.

Any Austrian hopes of upsetting the powerful Germans were dashed just after halftime when Germany captain Michael Ballack hit a screaming free kick into the

roof of the net for what turned out to be the winner.

"It's our own fault we ended up in this situation due to the Croatia match," the German captain said. "It meant we couldn't play relaxed."

In yesterday's other encounter Croatia beat Poland 1-0 with a goal from striker Ivan Klasnic, who has undergone two kidney transplants in the past 18 months.

Croatia, will now play Turkey in the quarter-finals in Vienna on Friday, one day after Germany take on Group A winners Portugal.

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### YORK REPORT

MARTY YORK  
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those of us whose jobs allowed us the freedom to watch Tiger Woods and Rocco Mediate compete.

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## Senators, Flames pondering deals

At least two Canadian-based clubs could complete key trades before or during the NHL draft this weekend.

The Senators are offering Ray Emery and the St. Louis Blues, for one, are willing to take the goaltender, his \$3-million US salary and his tarnished reputation.

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# Braidwood in for opener?



It only makes sense that the Edmonton Eskimos are looking ahead instead of back at the 39-14 pre-season stomping they absorbed from the Calgary Stampeders at McMahon Stadium on Friday.

That holds especially true for defensive lineman Adam Braidwood and receiver Jason Tucker, who were both spared taking part in that drubbing because they've been on the shelf with injuries.

Tucker, out with back spasms, might suit up in Thursday's pre-season finale against Saskatchewan at Commonwealth Stadium. It's highly unlikely Braidwood, hobbled after tweaking the left knee he had repaired in the off-season, will see game action until there are points on the line in the regular season opener June 28 in Saskatchewan. That's the date that matters.

"It's just a question of trying to be smart," said head coach Danny Maciocia, who is hoping to get both players back into practice sessions this week.

Tucker, who turns 32 June 24, has been limited to taking treatment, stretching and, of late, running on his own, since his back got cranky on the first day of camp. Despite the setback, he's confident he'll be 100 per cent when it counts. He'd better be. The seven-year veteran, coming off a 2007 campaign in which he hauled in 51 passes for 792 yards despite missing four games with a bad knee, is the most proven target Ricky Ray has at his disposal.

"I think I'll be ready to go," Tucker said of playing

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Thursday. "Get in, get the timing down and roll right into regular season. It's like riding a bike. Once you get on, you don't forget."

Braidwood, 24, is being counted on to anchor the defensive line, which won't resemble the overwhelmed group manhandled by the Stampeders Friday when the season begins.

The 6-foot-4, 275-pounder tore his ACL against Saskatchewan last Oct. 26 and worked his way into camp slowly. Not long after Braidwood got into drills, the knee started giving him grief.

"I'm just trying to get ready for the regular season," said Braidwood, who is breaking in a new knee brace.

"I talked to Danny and the training staff and, obviously, they want me to get in some full reps, so I'm definitely looking to get into practice as soon as possible."

Even had he not aggravated the knee, Braidwood insists he wasn't counting on playing in either pre-season game. While Maciocia has decisions to make up front, the status of a healthy Braidwood isn't one of them.

In a decade covering the Edmonton sports scene, Robin Brownlee has been the news-breaker and insightful voice for sports fans in Oil Country.

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When it comes to washrooms, all women want is more access, time and a decent level of cleanliness, says our columnist.

## More restroom access

**T**his morning I've come face to face with one of the unhappy truths of life.

You can't blame the opposite sex for everything. Most of the time, we would really like to do this. Women would like to blame men for everything from world wars to water retention. Men would like to blame women for the existence of such things as hygiene and greeting cards.

What I wanted to blame men for today was a comment by my friend, Rob. Rob said, and it pains me to share this, he said, "I don't see why we need more public washrooms."

We all know that small boys grow up believing there's an invisible men's room sign on every shrub and back alley. Mothers of



small girls on the other hand see the end of diaper wearing as the beginning of "now we have to find a washroom every 20 minutes." We also know that the length of time between when a toddler lisps, "I have t'gooooo," and when they do is 12.68 seconds. I shed most of my postpartum weight chasing down grocery clerks to beg for "the key" or sprinting

through department stores schlepping a 20 pound child, trying to make it to the women's room, always conveniently located at the far end of the upper floor in the very back section.

For adult women, washroom access isn't much easier. At a recent concert, the line to use the women's room was out the door, down the aisle, onto the stage. The men's room appeared to have no takers at all. I said there ought to be another women's room. Rob suggested that perhaps men are just more efficient.

That doesn't mean he's insensitive. It did mean he had to walk home.

It's a fact of being human that if we don't need something, we don't always accept that anyone else needs

it either. This applies to everything from religion to Botox. When it comes to washrooms, all women want is time, a reasonable level of cleanliness and a sense that this is intimate space. I don't know why men don't get this. We've been saying the same about sex for ages.

In the end, I think the real challenge is to stop thinking we all need the same things and start listening to what we tell each other we need. I don't know if this will get us more washrooms. I do know it would be a relief.

Anne Hines is an author and humour writer. She has written three novels and one collection of nonfiction humour.

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## The sound of alienation

The Awkward Stage has message we can all relate to

By ROB McMAHON  
for Metro Edmonton

Contemporary pop culture is packed with conceptions of awkwardness: the Office's satire, the romance of emo or the aw-shucks of John Hughes films.

Shane Nelken — singer-songwriter in Vancouver's The Awkward Stage — loves them all.

"Awkwardness is always there. No matter how confident people seem, there's some scenario that can make their confidence totally end," said Nelken, who is joined on the new album by bandmates Tygh Runyan, Tony Koelwyn and Chris Mitchell. "Too often youth is sentimentalized in songs and pop culture as a glorious time, but I think it was a horrible time."

Nelken's perspective on awkwardness envelops his work. His debut album's cover featured a headgear-sporting Nelken perched beside a blow-up doll. *Anime Eyes*, a track off *Slimming Mirrors, Flattering Lights*, references Otaku, a subculture of disaffected



**Slimming Mirrors, Flattering Lights**, The Awkward Stage's new album, was released last week.

Japanese youth that science fiction author William Gibson described as "pathological-techno-fetishist-with-social-deficit" and Nelken as "disconnected from reality and instead their life is all virtual — that's their world."

Despite generally sounding happy, the new record touches on a consistent theme of alienation and disconnection. For example, the title refers to the effect a strong set has on a photo shoot — a situation also brought up in the song *Only Good Days Caught on Camera*. Nelken explained that the idea be-

hind such images was that managing appearances often doesn't address root problems, instead just making things look OK.

"I didn't set out to make a concept album, but most

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the songs, if not all of them, deal with things being not quite what they seem," he said. "(They all cover) some form of delusion."

Philosophy aside, in a musical sense

Nelken

draws inspiration from pop outsiders like Nick Lowe. While such artists stuck to the genre's focus on melody, they also wrote lyrics and music that subverted predictable formats. At the same time, Nelken is conscious of the danger of sounding too clever.

"Nick Lowe (shows that) just because something has a pop melody doesn't mean it has to be devoid of substance," he said. "There's so much punk rock energy running throughout every one of (Lowe's) songs that make it heavier than some punk in a lot of ways."

### Star Trek star

Takei to pick up marriage licence



**PEOPLE** Former Star Trek regular George Takei will become one of the first gay people to receive a marriage licence when the historic documents are handed out tomorrow across California, *imdb.com* reports.

The actor announced his plans to wed longtime partner Brad Altman the day after new legislation overturned a ban on same-sex marriages in the state last month. He'll be among hundreds of gays and lesbians who will mark the first day of the ruling by accepting a marriage licence.

### celeb parenting

Book from Spears' mom this fall



**PEOPLE** Before news of 17-year-old Jamie Lynn Spears' pregnancy broke, her mom was shopping a parenting book, *InTouchWeekly.com* reports. Lynne Spears has taken the project off hold and is said to be releasing *Through the Storm: A Real Story of Fame and Family in a Tabloid World*, this fall. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



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## box office

Happening tops  
Hulk overseas

**SALES** Overcoming mixed overseas reviews and the European soccer championships, The Happening edged out The Incredible Hulk as the weekend's No. 1 title internationally, grossing an estimated \$32 million from 5,714 screens in 88 markets.

Although the latest theatrical incarnation of the Marvel Comics superhero finished second in total gross dollars — The Incredible Hulk grossed an estimated \$31 million from 3,165 sites in just 38 markets — it racked up close to double the \$5,600 per-screen average of director M. Night Shyamalan's apocalyptic thriller, which began its overseas rollout Wednesday.

Still, Happening's distributor, Fox, is pleased. "We were in 88 countries, we were up against Hulk in eight of the top 16 markets, and we had the European soccer championships," said Paul Hanneken, co-president of Fox International Theatrical, "and still we had some really good numbers in most of these markets."

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## Davis touts Charlotte character's feminism

Sex And The City interpreted many ways, actress says

By NINA ETRUP  
Metro World News

She is somewhat offended when asked whether her fictional alter ego is not a bit anti-feminist. Because if there's anything that Sex And The City is not, it is anti-feminist, actress Kristin Davis says. Davis is best known for her role as the conservative and romantic Charlotte York on the long-running TV series and in its recent big screen return.

"It's interesting to hear people's perception of and reaction to what we do, and there are a lot of ways of interpreting that, but we would never want to be anti-feminist. We're all feminists — I want to be super clear about that."

Nonetheless, she admits that she was happy when she read the script and discovered that Charlotte is still



Kristin Davis says all the Sex And The City women are feminists.

married to her anti-hero, Harry the bald lawyer.

"He's amazing. He's not at all the one she expected to be with, but it works. She was completely wrong about what would make her happy," says Davis, 43, who is still single. "There are men like Harry out there — of course there is. I've met them. It's just not always the ones I

date."

And even though her own life does not at all resemble Charlotte's nuclear family with husband and child, the actress identifies a lot with her character.

"I'm not interested in playing the trampy type," she says, before correcting herself and saying promiscuous, not trampy. "

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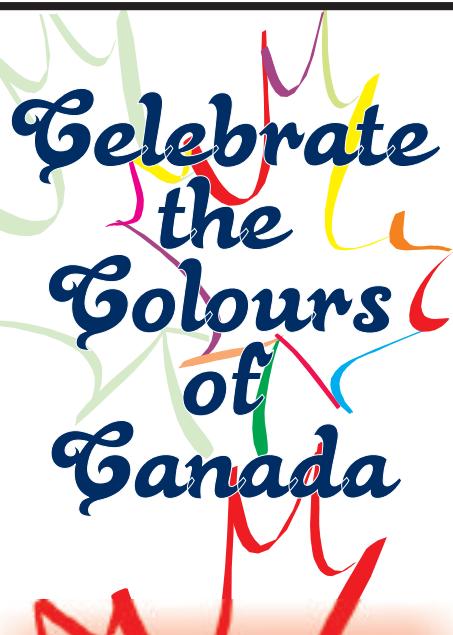
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## Refreshing but not joyous

## Control/Joy Division

Stars: Ian Curtis

Distributor: Alliance DVD



ALLIANCE IS packaging these two films together, but one day they'll probably be available in a single, Criterion-like edition, to provide an almost definitive take on Joy Division, the band, and Ian Curtis, their tragic lead singer, as they were regarded just over 25 years after the band, and the man, ceased to exist. In any case, if you want one, you'll probably want both.

Photographer Anton Corbijn focuses on the personal side of Curtis' tragedy by basing the movie on the book written by his widow after his death. It's a refreshing shift in perspective from the one that prevailed among his fans for so many years after Curtis hung himself on the eve of the band's first U.S. tour in 1980 — one that made Cur-



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tis the ultimate punk nihilist, taking "we mean it, maaaan!" to the logical conclusion for the author of some of the most despairing lyrics ever set to music.

Corbijn's movie shows that a youthful, impulsive marriage, an affair, and the side effects of epilepsy medication were the more concrete, banal sources of Curtis' emotional turmoil, and the director dramatizes all in an austere, black-and-white style that evokes British kitchen sink drama of the '60s.

Grant Gee's Joy Division broadens the picture wider, putting Curtis and his band in the context of

northern England in the '70s, using a combination of archival footage and interviews with Curtis' bandmates and contemporaries and Annik Honore, his girlfriend. The documentary does a great job evoking not just the particular political entropy in England at the time, but the tired, shopworn, pre-apocalyptic feel of the late '70s in general, which was such fertile social ground for the bleakness that inspired Curtis, both creatively and personally.

More painfully, it details how everyone around him completely misread the obvious signals he was given, either by misinterpreting it as mere art, or through stoic northern male emotional indifference.

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# Fearing on-demand TV

**SO DEMANDING:** Single or childless people can attest to the transformation that often overtakes their friends when they have kids — an overwhelming urge to update you on their latest parenting adventures that's both obsessive and boring, and can only partially be blamed on a chronic sleep deficiency that, as the medical textbooks tell us, can lead to psychosis.

During the first few months of their baby's life, parents are often grateful for those moments, late at night, when they can unwind in front of the tube, their baby asleep on their shoulder, but as soon as it's obvious that junior has noticed the TV's magic diorama, the anxiety begins, prompted by studies — printed monthly in every parenting magazine — that inform us that just three hours of TV watching a week in the first two years of a child's life will irrevocably damage their chances of getting a scholarship to Yale law school.

These studies get trotted out in cue in a piece by Joanna Weiss in Sunday's Boston Globe, but only after the

writer gets anxious over the much harder-to-quantify effect that DVRs and video-on-demand will have on vulnerable young minds. Weiss begins by waxing nostalgic for the TV of

her youth, a life lived "beholden to the television schedule," where she had to watch what was on, only when it was on, and had to suffer through Charlie's Angels reruns after school, because she probably didn't have much a few hundred cable channels to

choose from or a hard drive full of TiVo'd shows.

What Weiss seems to have forgotten is that this Edenic world flat out sucked — I know because I was there, too. Given the choice between trawling up and down the vast expanse of digital cable until I find something to kill an hour or two — usually the Military Channel or Alton Brown touring diners and truck stops on Food — and a quick circuit of less than a dozen channels that inevitably leads to *The Love Boat*, I'll take the former.

Weiss recounts the awkward con-

versation she has with her four-year-old whenever the kid asks to see something that isn't either on the DVR's hard drive or available on demand. I've had that conversation, which Weiss doesn't seem to be able to see as an expression of a child's concept of the eternal now. Time and all its existential implications will impress itself soon enough on her child's mind. Weiss worries, nonetheless that her child is "missing something if she isn't forced to wait for precisely what she wants."

I sometimes think that this inevitable parental recourse to wailing "What about the children?" has been as effective a form of non-pharmaceutical birth control for the childless as kids-eat-for-free nights at restaurants. Weiss' worries about being able to pause a show or choose what you want to watch when you want are only valid if you think that bookmarks and libraries have made reading an activity full of potentially damaging side effects. And if you're so worried, maybe now's the time to go all Amish and kick the TV to the curb — if you dare.

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ER producer turns from docs to cops

ER series writer/producer John Wells has set up a new drama series project at the network, an ensemble cop show called IAPD. The proj-

ect, which has begun casting, is being eyed as a potential successor to ER in NBC's Thursday 10 p.m. time slot.

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## critics' corner

### Style by Jury: Where Are They Now

An easy way to come up with a few hours worth of television, "Where are they now?" specials are always of interest to viewers. In this case, host Bruce Turner of "Style by Jury" visits past participants to see if they kept up with fashion and are happier with their lives. Special jury members — unnamed at this writing — are chosen to see the before-and-after looks. 9:30 PM on W



### AFI's 10 Top 10

How does "Shrek" stack up against "Pinocchio"? "The original "Scarface" against "The Departed"? "Unforgiven" against "The Searchers"? This year, instead of a 100-best list, the American Film Institute presents a series of top-10 lists, counting down the best films in 10 different genres, including sci-fi, animation, Westerns, courtroom dramas, mysteries and epics. As always, lots of stars weigh in with commentary. 9 PM on KREM



Lin-Manuel Miranda in a performance of *In The Heights*, winner of the Tony Award for best musical.

### tony awards

Following are selected winners from Sunday night's 62nd annual Tony Awards: **» Best Play:** August: Osage County **» Best Musical:** In The Heights. **» Best Revival Of A Play:** Boeing-Boeing. **» Best Revival Of A Musical:** South Pacific. **» Best Original Score:** In The Heights, Lin-Manuel Miranda **» Best actor, play:** Mark Rylance, Boeing-Boeing **» Best actress, play:** Deanna Dunagan, August: Osage County **» Best actor, musical:** Paulo Szot, South Pacific **» Best actress, musical:** Patti LuPone, Gypsy **REUTERS**

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# celebritybuzz

## Baby in black

**G**wen Stefani and husband Gavin Rossdale are painting their new baby nursery black, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Rossdale, who already has a two-year-old son Kingston with Stefani, has revealed the couple are shunning traditional pastel shades in favour of a gothic theme.

The rocker told America's OK! magazine: "We are going to put him in a black room. It'll be a goth baby so it doesn't matter if it is a boy or a girl."

Despite being tempted, the couple still haven't found out the sex of their unborn baby. Rossdale said: "We don't know if it's a boy or a girl yet."

The British musician has also revealed he and Stefani are having difficulty explaining to Kingston that he will soon have a younger brother or sister.

He said in an interview with website bild.de: "We try to explain the pregnancy to him, but I'm not sure if he understands what's going on. I think the birth of the new baby is going to be a big shock for Kingston!"

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### Rhys enjoys being single again

Actor Rhys Ifans is in great spirits following his split with ex-fiance Sienna Miller, according to his co-star Talulah Riley. According to imbd.com, the St. Trinians star, who has been filming new movie The Boat That Rocked with Ifans, insists the Welshman is enjoying being single again — despite recent tabloid speculation he has been seen weeping on the film's set. Riley says, "I don't know what's been in the papers but he was laughing and joking all the time on set. He was just one of the lads, you know. I didn't notice him down or anything."

The couple allegedly parted ways earlier this month, with Miller reportedly dumping Ifans by phone.

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### Beckinsale wants derriere film double

Kate Beckinsale has reportedly demanded a body double for her latest film because she feels self-conscious about the size of her bottom, imbd.com reports. The star, 34, allegedly refused to bare her derriere while shooting a shower scene in new movie Whiteout — forcing producers to hire a US \$2,000-a-day model to stand in for the star. A source tells Britain's The Mail On Sunday, "The script called for her character to be filmed nude in a shower, focusing in on her bottom and thighs. Kate insisted on a double being hired. She was quite open on the set about not liking her body and said she particularly loathed her bottom and was not comfortable baring it."

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### Dion sues her architect

Celine Dion says her architect doesn't know much about geometry and wants big bucks from him because of it, tmz.com reports. Dion hired Florida architect Randall Stofft in 2005 to build her a US \$3 million Jupiter Island pad — complete with an octagonal living room. Stofft had a different vision, and Dion says he refused to build the house the way she wanted. Now the house still isn't finished, according to the Palm Beach Post, and Dion's filed suit asking for a quarter million in damages.

The architect had no immediate comment.

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### McAvoy gives Jolie kissing control

Actor James McAvoy let Angelina Jolie take "control" when they filmed an on-screen kiss for new movie Wanted, imbd.com reports.

The Atonement star admits he was worried about locking lips with the gorgeous actress, but Jolie helped put him at ease by taking charge of the situation.

He says, "I was nervous but after five minutes I thought this is going to be all right, it's cool. She was in very good shape."

"It could be anybody when you're kissing someone on film, you have to make it look good. She's pretty much in control of the situation."

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### Family, friends keep Lewis grounded

British pop star Leona Lewis is neither a diva nor a train wreck and she owes it all to her family and friends, people.com reports.

"I have the advantage of a great support structure," the singer tells Parade magazine in its June 15 issue.

"I get honest opinions from my family and friends. They aren't always telling me what I want to hear, but the truth helps keep my head straight."

It's the kind of straight talk that's kept Lewis grounded and contributed to her squeaky

clean image — unlike that of fellow British singer Amy Winehouse, who is in constant rotation in the tabloids for her behaviour.

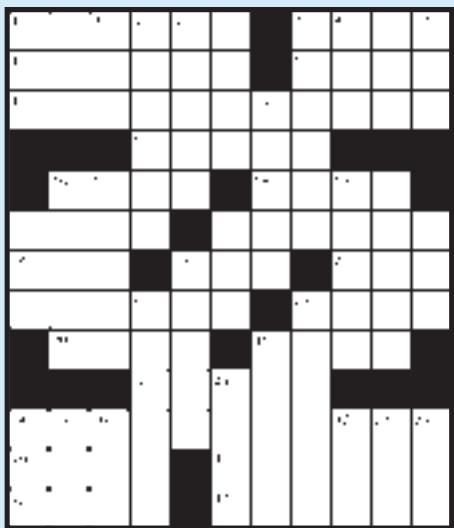
"Amy is an amazing artist and so talented," Lewis says when asked how a young performer manages to avoid the kind of train wreck Winehouse seems to have become.

"A performer's privacy is taken away. The media are always there. You can't make your mistakes in private."

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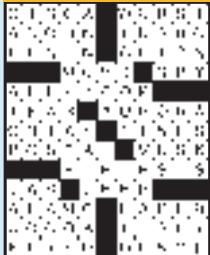
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7 Walk in water	22 Tyrant	32 Ryan of "Paper
11 De-creased?	24 Count starter	33 Moon"
12 Harbor call	25 Young man	34 Retreat
13 Happening	26 Mine yield	40 Battery contents
15 City leader	27 Bike for two	41 Beat at the track
16 Old phone feature	29 Adorable	42 Addition column
18 Brown shade	30 Zeus's wife	43 Excited

**down »**

1 Smidgen	21 Attained
2 Period of history	22 River stopper
3 Chinese pan	23 Golf peg
4 Creature	25 Singer Rimes
5 Kidney-related	28 R2-D2 and C-3PO
6 Daring	29 Beckon
7 Tusked mammal	31 Broken
8 Cry of discovery	33 Swelled heads
9 Sawbones	34 Bowler, for one
10 Storm center	35 Cubes in a glass
14 Studied (over)	36 Racket
16 TV's Shore	37 Bible boat
17 Singer Cara	38 Pool need
19 Teapot part	39 Finish
20 Rich cake	

**previous answer**

**water gardens**

**enjoy the pond skip the hole enjoy gardening**

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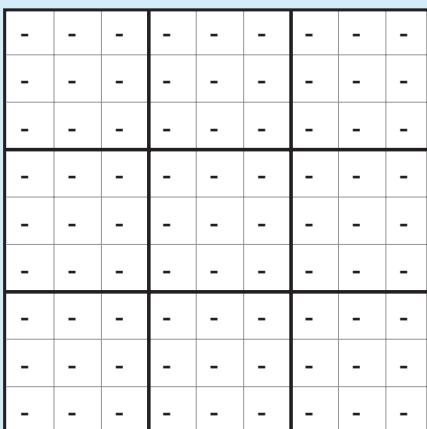
**STICKELERS**  
by Terry Stickels

Here is a scrambled quote from comedian Steven Wright. See if you can unscramble it.

"Between idiot like there's an idiot and the a talking tree standing just above us."

— Steven Wright

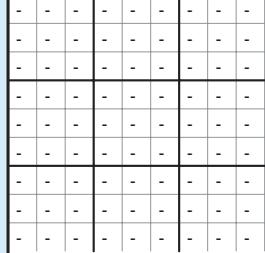
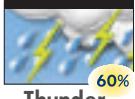
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**instructions »**

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

**solve time »**

Under 13 minutes	Genius
13-17 minutes	Scholar
17-21	Smart
21-25	Pretty good
More than 25	Keep practising

**previous answer****Edmonton weather****Afternoon**

Thunder-showers.  
22°

**Tonight**

Clear.  
Low 9°

**Wednesday**

Sunny.  
20° / 8°

**Thursday**

Mainly sunny.  
21° / 9°

**Friday**

Partly cloudy.  
21° / 9°

Temperature  
Normals  
High: 20.7°  
Low: 8.9°

Records  
High: 30.6°/1969  
Low: 1.7°/1932

Sunrise: 5:03 a.m.  
Sunset: 10:06 p.m.  
Moonset: 3:34 a.m.  
Moonrise: 10:07 p.m.

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You're suffering from someone's fussiness. Use discretion when judging a pushy person. Someone is struggling to break a bad habit.

**TAURUS** | April 21-May 21

A disagreeable co-worker is trying to fool you. Someone is stuck between sadness and crisis. A man comments on your generosity.

**GEMINI** | May 22-June 21

A friend is causing emotional turmoil. Somebody's tenderness will astonish you. Shake up the status quo as soon as you can.

**CANCER** | June 22-July 22

Refuse to play with a workplace bully. Swallowing your pride isn't much fun. Expect little in terms of romance.

**LEO** | July 23-Aug. 23

Avoiding issues will cause dismay. An official will help out with documents. You're not to blame for a weird situation.

**VIRGO** | Aug. 24-Sept. 22

There'll be no trouble in work-related surprises. Take messages correctly or there'll be consequences. Act sensibly in a personal issue.

**LIBRA** | Sep. 23-Oct. 23

Too much sensitivity about principles will get you fired. Something in the mail gives you joy. People will want you to do their stuff.

**SCORPIO** | Oct. 24-Nov. 22

A financial institution won't back up its advertising. Intestinal distress results in a medical visit. Romance is the last thing on your mind.

**SAGITTARIUS** | Nov. 23-Dec. 21

An admirer wants a chance at partnership. A clingy person wants more than you do. Be patient with weak people.

**CAPRICORN** | Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Loss is possible due to forgetfulness. Demands won't put love in someone's heart. Be careful about chatting with strangers.

**AQUARIUS** | Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Love grows with a cheerful person. Not all choices are worthwhile. You will be amazed by your sense of efficiency.

**PISCES** | Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Good news comes in regard to getting credit. Speak up for an unfairly accused person. A sudden change works out.

AVATAR VENUS

**This Day IN HISTORY**

**June 17, 1631:** Mumtaz Mahal died during child-birth. Her husband, Mughal emperor Shah Jahan I, then spent more than 20 years to build her tomb, the Taj Mahal.

**June 17, 1885:** The Statue of Liberty arrives in New York Harbor.

**June 17, 1901:** The College Board introduces its first standardized test, the forerunner to the SAT.

**June 17, 1939:** Last public guillotining in France. Eugen Weidmann, a convicted murderer, is guillotined in Versailles.

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# Lose Weight... Feel Great!

**With Biothera's Laser Weight Loss Management Program (LWL™)**

## What is LWL™?

Biothera's Laser Weight Loss Management is a complete system combining the benefits of cold laser technology along with a comprehensive nutritional program. Not only will you shed those unwanted pounds naturally without drugs, pills or side-effects, but you will look and feel better... all with one on one weight loss support with one of our Program Coordinators.

## How Does Cold Laser Help You Lose Weight?

LWL™ treatments stimulates your metabolism thereby helping your body to use food more efficiently instead of storing it as fat. In addition, your appetite will be suppressed. LWL™ is also highly effective in relieving stress, which in turn will help alleviate food cravings.

To find out more about LWL™, simply call one of our clinics or better still make an appointment for a no-charge consultation.



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